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BISHOP GAILOR'S GREAT SERMON

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CONDEMNS SCORN OF NEIGHBOR--WHITES MUST HELP NEGRO--TOO TIMID IN ASSERTING CONVICTIONS

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 4.—Preaching to a great congregation in the fashionable Calvary Church, the Rt. Rev. T. F. Gailor, Bishop of Tennessee, delivered a memorable rebuke to white Christians of the South, for surrendering the Negro to the cruelty of the "low browed whites." The sermon shook Memphis, and gave a city of excitement something new to talk about.

One of the greatest preachers of his day, Bishop Gailor is a man of rare eloquence. For some years intelligent colored men have been doubtful of the Bishop's interest in their welfare. They will welcome his rebuke to the apathy of the white South as a new and stirring witness for their cause.

Politics and murder make up the life of Memphis. Money plays some part, and intellectual freedom is a part at all. Bishop Gailor brandishes the shibboleth of his faith, and commands the followers of it to prove their belief. And that belief involves less mouthing and more practice of what the Founder of Christianity really taught, and upon which he banished ancient philosophy for the divine passion of duty which finds human expression in love of man, one for another. The following is taken from the Commercial Appeal:

He took for his text St. Matthew 5:27: "Whosoever shall say to his brother, Thou Fool, shall be in danger of hell fire."

These words were spoken by the Lord Jesus Christ in his sermon on the mount," said Bishop Gailor. "He is insisting upon the fact of human brotherhood. He quotes the ancient law against murder and amplifies it by declaring that he who is angry with his brother without cause is in danger of the judgement, and he who says to his brother, 'rascal,' simpleton, is in danger of the council; but he who calls his brother a fool is in danger of hell fire."

"The whole discourse is built upon the fact of the brotherhood of all members of the human family. This truth rings out through all the Christian writings. The Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man—these are the great central Christian principles. We are members one of another. We are not alone. We do not work singly. Our very salvation is connected with that of our brother, who sits beside us. Life touches life and soul is bound up with soul in the great family of God."

A man who works for himself alone and permits the thought of his own happiness, here or in the world to come, to absorb his whole attention without thought of the happiness and well-being of his brethren, is on the way to death—the lonely, wretched death of selfishness. He is like an arm cutting itself off from the body. It will wither and shrivel up and die. This is the reason in our own nature for the church, which Christ founded. We live with and for one another. Our eternal hopes are everlastingly inter-related and intertwined. We are members of the same family; partakers of the same privileges, encompassed by the same dangers, saved by the same Lord. Here before God, as His children in Christ, we are all—men and women of every race and name—we are all on the same level, all sinful, all having a battle to fight and souls to save.

Condemns Scorn of Neighbor.

"Thus we are brethren; and our Lord says 'Whosoever shall say unto his brother, thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.' He does not mean that we should countenance folly or fail to recognize it. What He condemns is scorn of our neighbor—scorn that is always made up of two things—arrogance and cruelty. Who made you better than another? By what power have you received more talents, more gifts, a better station? Who gave you the right to injure your brother? How is it, that you are so great, so necessary, so noble, that you can despise and stamp out another life, that is wretched and poor and weak? What makes the wrath against another?"

Must Help the Negro Race.

"Here we are in Shelby County with nearly 100,000 Negroes in our midst—52,000 Negroes in the city of Memphis. What special effort are we making to redeem them from vice and crime—to lift them out of barbarism? The other night a respectable citizen was waylaid and murdered by two young Negro highwaymen, and the whole city was outraged. But, after all, whose fault is it? There

are thousands of Negro boys and girls growing up in this city who may be, probably will be, criminals—and who is it among you Christians people that is trying to make them honest and self-supporting and self-respecting?"

"Who has not heard the stories that are told with laughter on the trains, and elsewhere, of Negro ignorance and credulity in the cotton belt, exploited by base white men for the white men's gain? What serious and sustained interest have we taken or are we taking in encouraging worthy and hard-working and self-respecting Negroes to lift themselves and their families out of the sphere of ignorance and coarse living; and to protect them from the brutal insults of the low-browed whites?"

"The newspaper treats as a jest the fact that the two Negro highwaymen were sent to prison for life, even before their victim was buried. The ruling race says 'Thou fool!' and in its arrogance, blind to the future, shrinks the responsibility."

"My brethren, these are things that must be said, and said by southern men; for I know that all you people agree with me. The trouble is, that that great class of southern men, who want justice and fair play, and sympathy and encouragement for the Negro race, for one reason or another have been silent, and have permitted this tremendous problem to be handled practically by that class—present in every community—who do not know or who do not care for righteousness."

"This is no question of social equality. There never was such a question. There is no such thing as social equality, even among white people. This is such a thing as social familiarity; and we have rightly settled that question in the south. It is no question of political rights. I do not believe in any man's right to vote. The suffrage is a privilege and not a right."

"But this question is one of human rights—the human right to life, to liberty under the flag, and to be protected in the ownership of what one has earned by honest labor. These three human rights we southern people are ready to guarantee to every man and woman in our land; and here today, for the benefit of those who criticize us from a distance, I am ready and glad to say, that I voice the conviction of the best people of the south, when I say this: although we have been altogether too timid in asserting our convictions."

"Ah, brethren, I would have you come with me this morning out of atmosphere of petty contentions and stifling jealousies into the free, fresh air of the mercy and love of our Heavenly Father—to realize for a moment on our knees our kinship in Jesus Christ—that the great and the lowly, the living and the dead, are one family and one brotherhood in Him."

"This is that true love of humanity of which the modern philosophy is but the ineffectual shadow. This is the philanthropy which does not exhaust itself in idle dreams of what it might do for the ideal race at large; but which, like charity, begins at home and shows itself in the common duties of common life; the philanthropy which is known first of all in kindness and gentleness to those about us—in the fulfillment of the duties of wife and husband, father, mother and friend—and which expands out through the homely duties well performed into the large aims and hopes and life of humankind for His sake—who hath made us all of one blood, one common clay, soon to crumble into dust, and hath also blessed us with the hope of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

JUDGE ORDERS MAN CUT FROM JURY LIST FOR RACE PREJUDICE.

The name of John A. Magee, a real estate agent and Yale graduate, of No. 174 West Eighty-sixth street, is to be stricken from all jury lists at the direction of Judge Rosalesky.

Magee's prejudice against the Negro race is responsible for this remarkable order, which was announced at the trial of a Negro in Part V. General Sessions. Magee was one of the talesmen-unanimously examining for the trial of Nathaniel Morley, accused of stabbing to death John Press, also a Negro, on August 4. Magee, when asked if there was a reason why he should not serve as a juror, replied: "The best reason I can give for not being eligible as a juror is my prejudice against the Negro race. As the defendant belongs to that race, I know I could not give the case impartially."—N. Y. Herald.

GOV. RYE MAKES PROCLAMATION

Easter Sunday Set Aside As "Go to Sunday School Day" in Tennessee

ALL URGED TO ATTEND

Noah W. Cooper and Judge Carthel, Officers of State Sunday School Association, endorse Plan

Gov. Tom C. Rye, before his departure for Florida Monday issued a proclamation to the people of Tennessee, setting apart Easter Sunday, April 8, as "Go to Sunday School Day" for Tennessee, on which day all Tennesseans are urged to attend Sunday school. The proclamation in full is as follows:

"To the People of Tennessee: No state can truthfully boast of true greatness and wealth, unless that state is great in its moral development and rich in the Godliness of its people, hence the exacting demand and important duty of every commonwealth is to bend every effort and exert every energy to the thorough establishment of the great forces which produce Christian character."

"The study of the Bible is necessarily a sacred duty, for the reason that a knowledge of God's word is essential to the development of Christian character and good citizenship."

"The Sunday schools of our state are strong right arms of our churches, dealing deadly and effective blows to the evils that seek to destroy child, home, state and nation. This being true, our Sunday schools deserve all praise and encouragement and should be attended by all our people. The child naturally follows in the footsteps of more mature years, therefore our men and women should turn their steps toward the Sunday school, in order that the children may learn lessons which shall make them worthy citizens. If the time ever was when the Sunday school was but a place for children, that time has passed, for under the guidance of the good men and women who are giving their lives to this noble cause, there is now a place for all ages, from the 'Cradle Roll' for infants to the 'Home Department' for those unable to attend, and duty calls all to take their place in the Sunday school."

"I could wish for no higher compliment or greater honor for our people than to have it said that every citizen of the state is a member of the Sunday school. Thousands of our children are already on the highway to ruin, because father, mother or somebody else did not direct their tiny feet into the paths that lead to the Sunday school."

PRINCE OF PEACE.

"There has never been a time when the importance of Sunday school attendance was not realized and appreciated, but it seems to me that, in view of recent events, the importance of Sunday school encouragement and attendance is emphasized. We did not desire it—we could not help it—we have even prayed that it might not come, but, despite all this, we are today walking in the gathering gloom of lower war-clouds, and we need to know more of the teachings of the Prince of Peace and His will concerning us."

"Believing implicitly in the great work now being done in our Sunday schools, desirous of encouraging the efforts of those who are contributing their time, energy and money to this noble cause, and being advised that the Tennessee Sunday school association has designated Sunday, April 8, as 'Go to Sunday School Day,' now, therefore, I, Tom C. Rye, governor of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim and set apart April 8, 1917, as 'Go to Sunday School Day' for Tennessee. On that day, I earnestly urge all Tennesseans, as well as all visitors within her borders, to attend the Sunday school of their choice, and trust that those not heretofore attending may, on that day, resolve to begin to cultivate the habit of regular Sunday school attendance, believing as I do, that from this habit will spring countless blessings to every home in our state."

"In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of State to be affixed at Nashville on this, the fifth day of February, nineteen hundred and seventeen."

(Signed) "TOM C. RYE, Governor."

MR. COOPER'S STATEMENT.

In relation to the Governor's proclamation, Noah W. Cooper, president of the Davidson County Sunday school association, makes the following statement:

"Our 'Go-to-Sunday-School Day' was a tremendous success here in Nashville in 1916. Now we want to cover the whole state, and have everybody in Sunday school on Easter Sunday. As president of the Davidson county association, I urge every county officer and every Sunday school teacher and scholar to keep this day in everybody's mind, and in every newspaper from now till Easter Sunday."

JUDGE CARTHELL ENTHUSIASTIC.

Judge Joseph Carthel, general secretary of the Tennessee Sunday school association, who is very enthusiastic about the plan, said:

Sunday Mass Meeting

AT RYMAN AUDITORIUM

5000 Citizens Expected at 3:00 p. m. Sunday Afternoon in the Interest of Y. M. C. A.

Ladies Auxiliary With Officers and Captains of Teams—Committee of Management and Advisory Board—Davis Military Band Among the Features—Much Enthusiasm

Plans for the Colored Y. M. C. A. mass meeting at the Ryman Auditorium have been perfected. Nearly 5000 subscribers and workers have been sent personal notices. The speakers have been selected. The heating of the auditorium, the placing of a piano by the Starr Piano Company for use on that occasion; and every detail which a leg meeting such as that calls for has been worked out by the committee and they are going over them as this article goes to press in order to make sure that there is no occasion for a single hitch of any sort.

SPEAKERS.

The committee in charge has been diligent in its search for public spirited men. Mayor Robert Ewing, Major E. B. Shattuck, Mr. J. H. Allison, Mr. Arch Trawick and Mr. S. W. McGill will be on hand. The message which these men will bring will be short but effective and to the point.

MUSIC.

Mr. A. G. Price, Chorister of St. Paul A. M. E. Church Choir, will direct the singing and Mrs. W. H. McGavock will preside at the piano. The audience will be expected to do its own singing in most parts. Ten melodies and chorale hymns will be sung with a spirit and fervor characteristic of a Nashville congregation on such occasions. No one who delights in hearing a large miscellaneous group sing songs with which they are more or less familiar can afford to miss the Sunday meeting.

THE LADIES' AUXILIARY.

The ladies' auxiliary which so many predict will in no wise fail to measure up to the high standard set by such cities as Atlanta, Kansas City and Indianapolis will be on hand in full force. It is the opinion of the president, Mrs. Clemmie White, that at least 2000 ladies will be present Sunday to lend encouragement and to pledge their co-operation to the public spirited men who are seeking to it that a brighter day must not simply dawn in Nashville, but must break forth into exultant splendor for the Negro men and boys of this city. When it comes to genuine appreciation for genuine service rendered, the women take first place in making it known.

In the Tennessee state prison and reformatory there are for every one woman there confined forty men and boys. The police records of Nashville show approximately that for arrest for minor offenses of women in the corporate limits there are about three men for every woman arrested. The necessity for the co-operation on the part of the ladies is easily seen.

FINANCIAL EFFORT.

There will be an effort made to materially increase the receipts of building fund at the Sunday meeting. There will be no chiding of those who will not find it convenient to make a payment. Whatever is done or is not done in this direction will effect to no great extent the object of the meeting. It would be an inexcusable blunder to hold such a meeting and fail or neglect to give everybody an opportunity to contribute as they feel, but on the other hand, no one will be made to feel embarrassed in the least as a result of an effort to press payment of pledges.

THINKING OF A FRIEND.

***but doesn't time pass swiftly? It seems but yesterday since John and I were together at work, also at leisure. But it is a year ago today since I was bereft of his pleasant association, as were others. Truly I felt and do still feel the loss of a friend, the memory of whom I fondly cherish. Who is it that does not recall the cheery greeting that John H. Kelly, Jr., had for friend and foe? But why lament over things inevitable? Rather let us rejoice and be exceeding happy to know that ere long, even we, as John—

"Shall see our Pilot face to face, When we have crossed the Bar."

—A. G. Price.

BISHOP WALTERS' LIFE EXTOLLED

Deceased Senior Zion Prelate's Work Praised in Huge Services

CHURCH FAR TOO SMALL

Great Audience Mourns As Bishop Clinton in Tears Delivers Solemn Funeral Eulogy by Request of Dead Churchman

Zion A. M. E. Church, West 136th street, proved far too small to accommodate the hundreds that jammed it yesterday morning to pay the last tribute of respect to the Right Rev. Alexander Walters, Senior Bishop of the A. M. E. Zion Church, and one of the most noted figures in America. Bishop Walters died in his home, 208 West 134th street, Thursday, February 1, after an illness of nearly seven months, and a few weeks after he had been brought from St. Luke's Hospital, where he was taken for the purpose of trying to save his life. The funeral services opened with Bishop W. L. Lee presiding, and the singing of "Asleep in Jesus," 1st Scripture reading by Dr. Hanna, of Philadelphia, 2nd Scripture lesson, Dr. Pike, of the New Jersey Conference, and the invocation by Dr. Harvey Anderson, editor of the Star of Zion. The Rev. A. A. Crook then announced the second hymn, "Servant of God Well Done."

At the request of Bishop Walters, his personal friend, Bishop George W. Clinton, of Charlotte, N. C., who succeeds him as senior bishop of the Zion Church, delivered the funeral eulogy. Bishop Clinton, in his eulogy which many times moved him to tears, cited the life of the deceased prelate from his early boyhood, his school days, the time he entered the ministry and his election as the 24th Bishop of his church. He called attention that Bishop Walters began preaching in 1879 and was elected Bishop in his 34th year, being the second youngest man to fill that high office. The speaker then told of Bishop Walters' prominence in the church, the many times he was honored and appointed to fill honorable positions and to preside over important councils. Also his great devotion.

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NEWSPAPER MEN NASHVILLE'S GUESTS

MR. C. J. PERRY PRESIDING

MUCH IMPORTANT BUSINESS TRANSACTED--LADIES PRESENT--PUBLIC WELCOME GIVEN BY THE CITIZENS OF NASHVILLE

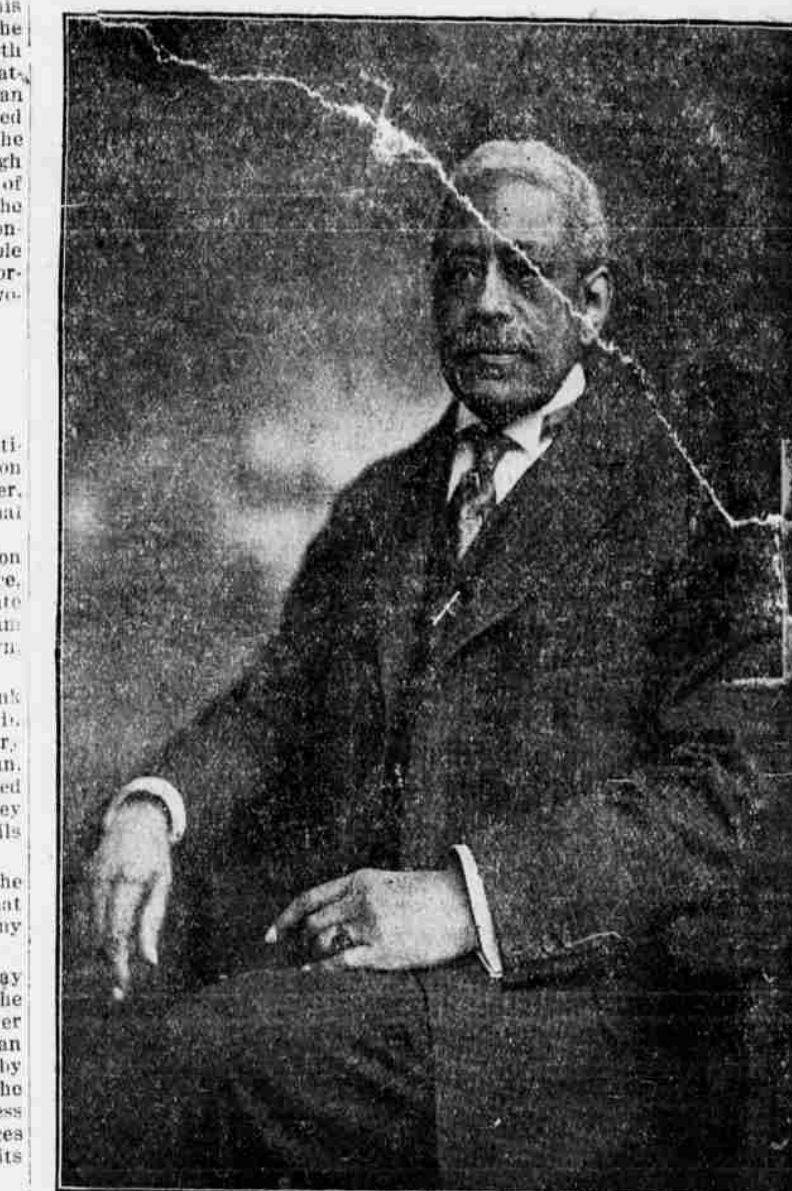
Representatives of the Negro newspapers throughout the United States are in Nashville this week, holding their annual convention. The sessions are being held in the board rooms of the National Baptist Publishing Board, corner Second avenue, North, and Locust street, and are being presided over by Mr. Chris J. Perry, the president of the Association. Some of the oldest newspaper men in the United States are in attendance. Their records run to as high as forty years of continuous service. Nashville has been doing honors to these pushers of the quill. The sessions opened with an executive committee meeting at 10:30 o'clock Wednesday. At this executive session weighty matters pertaining to the work of the craft were considered and a number of important changes affecting the membership dealing with the circulation, editorial work and the managerial side of publications were presented to the committee.

On Wednesday night the local committee gave a public welcome at the St. John A. M. E. Church, corner Eighth avenue and Cedar street. The meeting was presided over by Mr. A. N. Johnson, who is chairman of the local committee and who delivered the opening address. The Rev.



MR. H. A. BOYD
Corresponding Secretary of National Negro Press Association.

he told of the pleasure he was sure each representative of the press received on these annual visits. He



MR. CHRIS J. PERRY.
Editor Philadelphia Tribune, Philadelphia, Pa., President National Negro Press Association, who will preside at the twelfth annual session of the Association and who for thirty years has been an active editor.

C. H. Clark, D. D., pastor of the Mt. Olive Baptist Church, offered prayer. The welcome address to the newspaper men on behalf of the citizens of Nashville was delivered by President W. J. Hale, of the A. & I. State Normal. In Prof. Hale's address he assured the visiting representatives of the press that Nashville appreciated their presence and that the gates of Nashville stood ajar not only for this occasion, but for each and every session that was to follow. He told of the great work being accomplished in Nashville by the members of the press, and declared that no city in the United States was more suitable for an ideal permanent meeting place than was the city whose arms were outstretched to receive them this week.

The response to the welcome was delivered by Dr. J. A. Hamlet, editor of the Christian Index, of the C. M. E. Church of Jackson, Tenn. His was a happy response. The anecdote he gave about the fellow forgetting a part of the wedding ceremony was enjoyable and he compared that to the newspaper men accepting the invitation.

Chairman Johnson then called on President Perry of the Association, who also made a response in which

referred with pride to the previous occasions he had visited Nashville and stated he was glad to know the substantial progress made by the citizens of Nashville in every way.

At the conclusion of the address Chairman Johnson announced the local program, which included a number of entertainments by the Nashville members and the citizens in general. Thursday morning the sessions proper were opened and among important matters considered first was the report of the Executive Committee. The better part of the day was spent in the discussion of recommendations made by the committee at its Kansas City session last August and by the committee in its session Wednesday. The chairman of the Executive Committee, Mr. Joseph L. Jones, editor of the Fraternal Monitor, of Cincinnati, read the report. At 12 o'clock the entire association accepted an invitation to visit Fisk and Roger Williams Universities. Eight automobiles were filled with these representatives and just before leaving their meeting place a photograph was made of the cars as they were lined up. The cars were furnished by Mr. L. Landers, Dr. J. A. (Continued on Page 5.)